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FROM AMBASSADORS WARNER AND VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON PRESENT STATUS US/TURKEY DCA

1. OUR BRIEFINGS AT THE NATO US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
AT STUTTGART, HEIDELBERG AND RAMSTEIN WERE MOST HELPFUL.

2. WE WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE CONCERN
EXPRESSED OVER THE DETERIORATING MILITARY LIAISON AND
FACILITY UTILIZATION IN TURKEY AND OUR CONTINUING
FAILURE TO COMPLETE A MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
WITH THAT GOVT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS AN ENORMOUSLY
COMPLEX ISSUE. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF
CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO COME THROUGH GENEVA
AND SWITZERLAND (3 SENATORS, 5 REPRESENTATIVES, 7
STAFFERS IN THE MONTH OF DEC ALONE), IT OCCURRED TO
US THAT A BETTER APPRECIATION BY US OF THE DIMENSIONS
OF THIS PROBLEM FROM THE DEPT'S POINT OF VIEW MIGHT
ASSIST US TO HELP EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF US
INTERESTS THAT ARE AT STAKE IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION,
THE US MISSION IN GENEVA HAS BEEN INVOLVED, OVER THE
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PAST WEEK, WITH AN EFFORT TO GET SUPPORT FROM THE INTL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) FOR AN AGREEMENT ON
CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY DEALING
WITH THE ONGOING CONFLICT BETWEEN TURKS AND GREEKS
IN THE VARIOUS UN FORUMS THAT ARE LOCATED HERE.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO

RECEIVE AN ASSESSMENT FROM THE DEPT WITH RESPECT TO
THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE US/TURKEY DCA BY SPRING 1978
AND SOME DESCRIPTION OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY AND
OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA. NOT ONLY WOULD THIS BE HELPFUL
IN DEALING WITH OUR TURKISH ALLIES, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT
WE MIGHT, ON OCCASION, BE OF SOME MODEST ASSISTANCE
TO THE DEPT IN PERHAPS HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER UNDER-
STANDING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION AMONG POLICY-
MAKERS FROM OTHER BRANCHES OF THE GOVT WHO VISIT HERE.
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